



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2806

October 9, 2006

Soybean Harvest Underway

There were **4.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 08, 2006. Significant rainfall arrived at weeks' end. Most areas in Delaware received 1 to almost 3 inches of rain last week with temperatures in the 80's slightly above normal. **Corn** for grain harvest was 70 percent complete, 16 percent above last week. Harvest for **soybeans** progressed to 10 percent complete, 2 percent above the five-year average and 5 percent above last year.

Planting of **barley** increased 13 percent from last week to 25 percent complete. Farmers have begun to plant **winter wheat**.

Pasture was rated in mostly fair to good condition while **hay supplies** were mostly short to adequate.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005		
<u>Field Crops</u>	Percent					
<u>Corn:</u>						
Mature	100	100	100	98		
Harvested for Grain	70	54	80	71		
Harvested for Silage	100	100	100	91		
<u>Soybeans:</u>						
Dropping Leaves	70	48	84	61		
Harvested	10	5	13	8		
Barley: Planted	25	12	41	33		
Winter Wheat: Planted	6	3	11	13		
<u>Hay</u>						
Alfalfa Hay: 4 th Cutting	88	84	58	70		
5 th Cutting	7	2	9	8		
Other Hay: 4 th Cutting	39	36	10	42		
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>						
Apples	82	72	73	70		
SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2006						
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	1	3	3	4	8
Short	1	8	15	11	23	21
Adequate	85	85	73	83	72	68
Surplus	14	6	9	3	1	3

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.89	31.38	-0.47	82	47	61	1
Frederick	0.94	31.00	0.32	83	45	60	4
Frostburg	0.85	27.86	-9.14	77	39	54	1
Hagerstown	0.54	26.64	-3.31	81	45	60	1
Mechanicsville	2.52	40.55	5.22	82	46	60	-1
Patuxent River	3.01	32.65	-0.52	83	49	65	4
Ocean City	2.41	29.87	-5.56	79	51	66	5
Salisbury	2.98	36.28	0.32	82	40	62	2
Sharpsburg	1.43	34.11	3.43	84	43	59	3
Stevensville	1.97	36.02	3.30	82	50	63	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.05	38.24	8.07	82	50	63	-1
Delaware							
Dover	1.74	31.52	-3.34	82	52	63	1
Georgetown	2.78	35.48	0.80	83	50	64	4
Wilmington	1.20	38.46	6.46	81	47	61	1

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.